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WAKEFIELD MANOR  
New Windsor  
Private

Circa 1850

The Eckhardt Home, 1850 Old New Windsor Road, ie. "Wakefield Manor," Brookside," and probably other sundry names is the first manor house of the Wakefield Valley area. Other homes in the area are earlier, but were not built on the grand scale as this one was. It is c. 1850, a time when houses were going up around the county in more elaborate form than ever before. Money seems not to have been spared; all door arches are decoratively paneled, rooms are very spacious, and decorative brackets supporting the exterior cornice cover all sides of this L-shaped house. Fireplaces adorn every room, as well as the basement. Perhaps most impressive is two-run staircase to second floor and attic. Fancy brackets are in wonderful condition, as is wide railing and balusters; all three details wind up two flights in fine curves. Second floor stairs are hanging stair.

This is a wonderful picture of rural grandeur of the mid 19th century, which serves as a farmhouse and manor house at the same time.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wakefield Manor

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1850 Old New Windsor Road

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES RESTRICTED☐ YES UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Eckhardt

Telephone #: 848-3747

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1850 Old New Windsor Road

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21776

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Bldg.

Liber #: 600

Folio #: 703

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The exterior appears very solid, roomy and in good condition. This 60' X 45' farmhouse built c. 1850. The exterior remains in the original form. The low stone uncoursed foundation acchors an L-shaped, two story, five bay house. Made of brick, in the running bond pattern. It has a modernized attic and unfinished basement. The gable roof structure is of wood, covered with slate. Ornamented brackets support the cornice around the entire building. Windows are of typical farmhouse vintage. Back enclosed staircase leads to the second floor-original brick walks. Plain trimmed 6/6 with blind shutters. A porch is connected on each side, one bay on the back and right side, open covered porch on the left side-top of which has been changed into a bathroom, and the front five bay entrance with six modified Roman Doric columns.

The interior is well preserved. A step off the southern exposed five bay entrance porch leads into the main block, a central hall plan, two rooms on each side, with ten foot ceilings. The open-string single-flight stairs, with one-run up two stories is most impressive. It boasts beautiful undamaged ornamental brackets, turned balusters and a wide handrail and round newel.

The 3200 square feet of space contains windows and doors with architrave trim. The doors have six panel decor, with plain vertical panels and rounded heads in square archway of each door-top and two sides. Most doors have box locks with knobs. The walls are plastered, either painted or papered and exposed brick in family room around fire-place and upstairs bathroom (converted from porch). All bedrooms have original built in shallow closets which are still in use, although very inconvient.

Five fireplaces, one each in the basement, family room, living room, dining room, and kitchen are all in use. FIREPLACES-family room and kitchen exposed brick-plain trim with recent glass doors. FIREPLACES-living and dining room-mid 19th century arched type-round arched opening with paneled spandrels. Dining room fireplace has a center cartouch-they are both painted wood. Kitchen-modernized as are the bathrooms. Other than these, the house is maintained in original form.

Other structures on the 3.3 acre private rssidence are a stone springhouse and smokehouse and two wooden sheds, one recent, one pre-19th century (vertical boards and battens).

ADDITION-The chimneys are corbeled,--on front porch, panels are with rounded heads on each end on all four sides of each front column.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This home typifies the type built in mid-19th century by a rich landowner and farmer. Evident that money was not spared large rooms, high ceilings, decorative brackets under cornice and staircase. It was apparently the manor house of a large family complex. Includes a spring which today feeds the house next door and barn in the back, as well as 1850 Old New Windsor Road. It is also rumored that troops stopped here, in the valley and used home for a short "vacation" from war, which is probably true of most houses in the area built before or during the war.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

All those two tracts or parcels of land situate on the north side of Old New Windsor Road and a small portion of the first parcel situate on the south side of Old New Windsor Road.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

August 14, 1978

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CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland 21157

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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